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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant respectfully submits the following information disclosure statement.

The six disclosed references are:

First Office Action issued on June 17, 2008 for corresponding JP Patent Application No. 2006-514699, with its full English translation.

JP-11-031433, Japanese Patent Office, published 02/02/1999, with its English abstract.

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JP-2003-217402, Japanese Patent Office, published 07/31/2003, with its English abstract.

JP-2004-311342, Japanese Patent Office, published 11/04/2004, with its English abstract.

JP-08-115633, Japanese Patent Office, published 05/07/1996, with its English abstract.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner initial the cited references shown on the enclosed form PTO/SB/08a and that the references be made of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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